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SUBJ: EXILES IN ARGENTINA

1. RECENT STATEMENTS BY GENERAL PINOCHET OF CHILE AND GENERAL BANZER OF BOLIVIA THAT GUERRILLAS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES ARE USING ARGENTINA AS A BASE FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST THEIR HOME COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FULLY REPORTED IN ARGENTINE PRESS. WHILE NO GOVERNMENT FIGURE HAS COMMENTED ON THE STATEMENTS, LOCAL PRESS REPORTS INDICATE PROVINCIAL POLICE IN MENDOZA ARE INVESTIGATING ACTIVITIES OF CHILEAN EXILES SUSPECTED OF ENGAGING IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THAT BORDER PROVINCE.

2. ONLY POLITICAL REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN FAR-LEFTIST INTRANSIGENTE PARTY LEADER OSCAR ALENDE'S STATEMENT THAT JUNTA LEADER PINOCHETS ALLEGATIONS WERE NOTHING BUT LIES AIMED AT TURNING PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST ARGENTINA.

3. COMMENT: MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN ALENDES PREDICTABLE OUTBURST IS FACT THAT POLICE ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST POSSIBLE CHILEAN EXTREMISTS IN ARGENTINA BEGAN SO SOON AFTER PINOCHET STATEMENT. THAT THE TIMING OF STATEMENTS BY PINOCHET AND BANZER NOT COINCIDENTAL IS ALSO AN INTERESTING
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